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## DIGEST

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HB No. 541

**Abstract:** Provides relative to the governing board of Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish. Provides relative to the schedule of meetings held by the board and the compensation and reimbursement of board members.

Present law generally authorizes police juries to create gravity drainage districts. Provides generally that the districts shall be governed by five commissioners appointed by the police jury. Further provides with respect to the powers and duties of such districts.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law generally requires the board of commissioners of drainage districts to hold at least one meeting in every year as fixed and determined by resolution of the board. Authorizes any commissioner or the secretary of the board to call special meetings.

Proposed law makes an exception for the board of commissioners of Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish. Requires the board to hold at least two regular meetings in every month. Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Present law generally provides that members of the board of commissioners are authorized to receive compensation of not more than \$150 per day as determined by the board for each day of attendance at regular or special meetings of the board. Prohibits members from being paid for more than 36 days in one year.

Proposed law retains present law but makes an exception for the board of commissioners of Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish. Authorizes members of the board to receive compensation of not more than \$500 per month as determined by the board for performing their duties.

Present law generally authorizes the board of commissioners to reimburse members for any expenses actually incurred in performing their duties.

Proposed law retains present law but authorizes the board of commissioners of Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 to reimburse any member for expenses actually incurred in the attendance of meetings or in the performance of duties on behalf of the district which occur outside of the district.

Present law generally provides that any increase in compensation or reimbursement for expenses of any kind to members of the board of commissioners shall be approved by 2/3 vote of the membership of the board after holding a public hearing on the issue. Requires that the public hearing be advertised in the official journal of the district on at least two separate occasions within a period of 15 days preceding the meeting at which the vote is taken.

Proposed law retains present law and its applicability to Consolidated Gravity District No. 1.

Present law requires that all expenses of administration, salaries of officers, etc., be paid by the treasurer out of the funds of the district. Provides that such expenses shall be paid only after being approved at a meeting of the board of commissioners.

Proposed law retains present law and its applicability to Consolidated Gravity District No. 1.

Effective July 1, 2010.

(Adds R.S. 38:1794(B)(3))